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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6789

BILL NUMBER: SB 526

DATE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill enables the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology (DHPA) to take immediate action to protect state-owned historic properties affected by disaster and to make recommendations to the Historic Preservation Review Board on applications to change state-owned historic properties. The bill requires DHPA to survey and rate state-owned historic properties and provide an educational program concerning these properties. It requires each state entity having historic property to have a historic preservation officer. This bill also gives the Historic Landmarks Foundation of this state standing to take court action to enforce the historic preservation law. It also requires a person who wishes to obtain a court order to remove a deceased human being from a cemetery to demonstrate that the removal complies with an archeological plan or a development plan approved by the DNR.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The DNR must periodically conduct a survey using the most current standard procedures for the survey of historic property. The survey must include a determination of the existence; description; location; and managing authority; of each historic property owned by the state. The determination must also assign a historic rating to each historic structure owned by the state using the most current standard procedures for the assignment of these ratings.

The DNR must conduct an education program for (1) managing authorities; and (2) historic preservation liaison officers; of historic property owned by the state. The education program must provide information concerning the managing authority's and liaison officer's responsibilities under this chapter.

The DNR would need to hire additional personnel to conduct the survey and education programs. If two historic preservation officers were hired, the following expenses would be incurred.

Estimated Impact of the Proposal Concerning Historic Preservation	
Salary and Fringe Benefits	
2 Historic Preservation Officers (PAT 2) annual salary \$29,484 per officer	\$58,968
Fringe Benefit rate 18.16% plus \$6,267 per person	\$23,242
Total Salary & Fringe Benefits	\$82,210
Equipment	
1 Vehicle	\$20,000
Archaeology Equipment	\$5,000
Travel	
2 field crew	\$16,224
Total Estimated Annual Fiscal Impact	\$123,434

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Mickey James, DNR Executive Office, provided information on additional personnel and equipment needed.